

## OLVER ANNOUNCES \$79,335 FOR EASTHAMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded a grant to the Easthampton Fire Department. The grant was awarded through the 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The funds will help the department purchase new turnout gear for its firefighters.

“These funds will help protect both residents and the firefighters and ambulance personnel who risk their lives to protect them,” said Olver. “I am proud to support the Easthampton Fire Department and the brave men and women who serve our community.”

The funding will allow the Easthampton Fire Department to supply firefighters with new turnout gear, including helmets, jackets, pants, and boots. The department has 12 firefighters and serves a population of approximately 10,000 people.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program [assists state, local, and tribal fire departments](https://www.fema.gov/grants) in purchasing equipment and training. For more information, contact Easthampton Fire Chief Alfred Morissette at 413-527-4200.

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